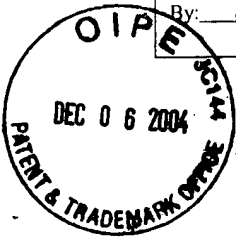


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

The Remarks section begins on page 6 of this paper.

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